



US010650227B2

(12) **United States Patent**
Cole et al.

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 10,650,227 B2**
(45) **Date of Patent:** **May 12, 2020**

(54) **FACE RECONSTRUCTION FROM A
LEARNED EMBEDDING**

(71) Applicant: **Google LLC**, Mountain View, CA (US)

(72) Inventors: **Forrester H. Cole**, Cambridge, MA
(US); **Dilip Krishnan**, Arlington, MA
(US); **William T. Freeman**, Acton, MA
(US); **David Benjamin Belanger**,
Cambridge, MA (US)

(73) Assignee: **Google LLC**, Mountain View, CA (US)

(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this
patent is extended or adjusted under 35
U.S.C. 154(b) by 149 days.

(21) Appl. No.: **16/061,344**

(22) PCT Filed: **Sep. 27, 2017**

(86) PCT No.: **PCT/US2017/053681**

§ 371 (c)(1),

(2) Date: **Jun. 12, 2018**

(87) PCT Pub. No.: **WO2018/080702**

PCT Pub. Date: **May 3, 2018**

(65) **Prior Publication Data**

US 2019/0095698 A1 Mar. 28, 2019

Related U.S. Application Data

(60) Provisional application No. 62/414,944, filed on Oct.
31, 2016.

(51) **Int. Cl.**

G06K 9/00 (2006.01)

G06T 11/60 (2006.01)

(Continued)

(52) **U.S. Cl.**

CPC **G06K 9/00268** (2013.01); **G06K 9/6257**
(2013.01); **G06N 20/00** (2019.01);

(Continued)

(58) **Field of Classification Search**

CPC .. G06K 9/00268; G06K 9/6257; G06T 11/60;
G06T 17/00; G06T 15/02; G06T 2210/44;
G06N 20/00

See application file for complete search history.

(56) **References Cited**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

7,848,548 B1 * 12/2010 Moon G06K 9/00281
382/100

8,824,808 B2 * 9/2014 Brandt G06K 9/00248
345/420

(Continued)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

International Search Report and Written Opinion from PCT/US2017/
053678, dated Dec. 6, 2017, 12 pages.

Blanz et al., "A Morphable Model for the Synthesis of 3D Faces",
26th Annual Conference on Computer Graphics and Interactive
Techniques, Los Angeles, California, Aug. 8-13, 1999, pp. 187-194.
Cootes et al., "Active Appearance Models", 5th European Confer-
ence on Computer Vision, Freiburg, Germany, Jun. 2-6, 1998, 16
pages.

(Continued)

Primary Examiner — Ming Y Hon

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm* — Dority & Manning, P.A.

(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present disclosure provides systems and methods that perform face reconstruction based on an image of a face. In particular, one example system of the present disclosure combines a machine-learned image recognition model with a face modeler that uses a morphable model of a human's facial appearance. The image recognition model can be a deep learning model that generates an embedding in response to receipt of an image (e.g., an uncontrolled image of a face). The example system can further include a small, lightweight, translation model structurally positioned between the image recognition model and the face modeler. The translation model can be a machine-learned model that is trained to receive the embedding generated by the image recognition model and, in response, output a plurality of facial modeling parameter values usable by the face modeler to generate a model of the face.

15 Claims, 9 Drawing Sheets

